

## MURKOWSKI TAPS CAMPBELL FOR MILITARY & VETERANS DEPT.



Brigadier General (Select) Craig Campbell has been named as Alaska's newest Commissioner for the Department of Military & Veterans Affairs. He is seen, at right, speaking to Meghan Waller during an Operation Enduring Freedom deployment to Anderson AFB, Guam last March. Campbell, who was just named by Alaska's Governor Frank Murkowski, as the new Adjutant General, will officially change command with outgoing adjutant general Major General Phil Oates, in late January. He most recently served as Vice - Wing Commander of the Alaska Air Guard's 168th Air Refueling Wing at Eielson AFB.

**Anchorage, December 30, 2002** -- Governor Frank H. Murkowski today appointed Colonel Craig Campbell to serve as commissioner and adjutant general of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. Campbell has been a military officer for the past 27 years and currently serves as vice commander of the 168th Air Refueling Wing of the Alaska Air National Guard. A former Anchorage Assemblyman, Campbell has been employed since August 2000 by the Municipality of Anchorage as executive director of the Office of Planning, Development and Public Works.

"Craig Campbell brings a depth of knowledge and experience that we need now at military and veterans affairs," Murkowski said. "As the department steps up to fulfill its new missions of homeland security and missile defense, we need a leader there who can inspire the confidence of those he leads. Craig has demonstrated solid leadership abilities over a lengthy and dedicated career in service to the nation and Alaska."

Campbell, 50, has been an Alaska resident since 1981. He served on the Anchorage Assembly from 1986-96, serving two terms as chairman. Campbell has a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and a master's of arts from the Naval War College in Newport, RI. He served nine years as an officer in the US Air Force, seven years in the California ANG, and the past 11 years in the Alaska ANG.

As director of the Office of Planning, Development and Public Works under Anchorage Mayor George Wuerch, Campbell is responsible for more than 450 municipal employees

in six departments, with a budget of more than \$90 million. As vice commander of the 168th Air Refueling Wing, operating out of Eielson AFB in Fairbanks, Campbell helps oversee more than 700 personnel and nine KC-135 air refueling tankers. In addition, he is an adjunct professor of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, teaching aviation and management courses at Elmendorf AFB in Anchorage.

Campbell will assume his duties as commissioner and adjutant general on Friday.

Murkowski also announced three other appointments to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs:

- Mr. Roger Schnell will be the new deputy commissioner of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. A retired colonel in the Alaska Army National Guard, Schnell served as former chief of staff of Alaska Army National Guard. He also served as deputy commissioner of DMVA under Govs. Hickel and Knowles, and has 37 years of experience with DMVA.

- Brigadier General Tim Scott will be the new assistant adjutant general-Alaska Air National Guard. As such he will be the new commander of the Alaska Air National Guard, operating out of Eielson AFB in Fairbanks. Scott is currently the commanding officer of the 168th Air Refueling Wing, based at Eielson AFB, Fairbanks. He is currently on special assignment as commander of the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing at Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar.

- Brigadier General Craig Christensen will be the new assistant adjutant general-Alaska Army National Guard. As such, he will be the commander of the Alaska Army National Guard. Christensen is currently the commanding officer 207th Infantry Group, based at the ANG Armory in Anchorage, with units in 74 communities across Alaska. He was previously chief of staff of the Alaska Army National Guard, and before that served as plans, operations and training officer for the Alaska Army National Guard. A graduate of Alaska Methodist University; Christensen grew up in Alaska.